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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the importance of this Project for irrigating both Malabar and Coimbatore, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to take up this Project, at least for investigation? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" There is a regular procedure for taking up any project even for investigation. There should be a survey and after survey if the Government are satisfied that it is fit for investigation, then it will be taken up."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Is this in Ernad or Walluvanad taluk? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" It is in Ernad taluk, Sir."

*Supply of books and forms to the panchayat boards.*

* 240 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received to the effect that books and forms required by the panchayat boards are supplied after inordinate delay by Messrs. Hoe & Co.;

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to avoid such delay; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the feasibility of calling for tenders to supply books and forms to the numerous new panchayat boards separately for each district from reputed printing presses within the districts?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts who has been authorized in the agreement with the firm, to act on behalf of the purchasers, has been asked to see that the requirements of the panchayats are supplied promptly by the firm.

" (*c*) Government have considered the proposals and found them not acceptable."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know why they are not acceptable? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There are some difficulties in entrusting the work with the local press. Sometimes, forms may be changed slightly and there will not be uniformity. Moreover, accounts cannot be checked properly."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" May I know whether the forms and books supplied to the panchayats are printed in the regional languages, and if not, will the Government take steps to print them in the regional languages only? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I want fresh notice, Sir."

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SRI A. APPU :—" Cannot this work be entrusted to reputed printers in the district to avoid delay? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" May I know which is the firm with which the Inspector of Local Boards is authorized to negotiate? Secondly, will the Government consider the suggestion to expand the Government Press, both inside the Penitentiary as well as the one directly managed by them so that these standard forms can be undertaken for printing by the Government themselves direct? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Messrs. Hoe & Co. are the contractors. The Government are considering whether these could be printed and supplied by the Government Press itself."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" There is inordinate delay in the supplying of these forms by Messrs. Hoe & Co. Apart from the unnecessary expenditure involved, there are other factors to be taken into consideration. There are various presses, a number of them, in the districts. Certain conditions can be imposed and if those presses violate any of those conditions, action can be taken by the Government against them. Under these circumstances, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of entrusting this work of printing forms and books with the presses in the districts? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has been answered already."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the Government have received any representations or reports to the effect that some of the panchayats in Malabar and South Kanara were unable to carry on with their usual functions as they have not been supplied with necessary books and forms? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is true that there is some delay. Steps are being taken to supply the forms in time."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Government consider the necessity of supplying the forms and books in two regional languages in districts like Chittoor, where Telugu and Tamil are freely used in panchayat boards? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The question of supplying forms in the respective languages will be considered, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Having accepted that there has been inordinate delay, will the Government take necessary steps to prevent such delay in future at least? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I think sufficient steps are being taken to supply the forms in time."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have Messrs. Hoe & Co. been appointed under the tender system and may I know whether their rates are the cheapest? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Their rates are supposed to be cheap and they are doing it on a vast scale."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" My previous question has not been answered, Sir. The Minister only said that sufficient steps are being taken. Many questions have been asked on this subject and the Members are naturally anxious to know exactly what steps are being taken for avoiding this inordinate delay in printing and supplying forms to the panchayat boards. May I know whether the Hon. Minister will give a categorical answer? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I have already said that the Government are considering whether these things could be printed by the Government Press and supplied."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" The Hon. Minister said that the rate charged by Messrs. Hoe & Co. is cheap. Are you aware that they charge an abnormal rate while printing and supplying forms to the panchayat boards? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am not aware of it." (Laughter.)

* 241 Q.—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, I had a talk with the Hon. the Finance Minister with regard to this question and he said that the Government are going to place the whole thing on the table of the House day after tomorrow. So I request that this question be taken up then." 8-50 a.m.

Questions 242, 243 and 244—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As questions 242, 243 and 244 relate to the same subject, they will also be taken up along with question No. 241 day after tomorrow."

*Industrial development of Malabar.*

* 245 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government received any representation from the West Coast Industrialists' Association, Kozhikode, on 23rd June 1952, praying that the Five-Year Plan be implemented in Malabar by the State Government with special reference to the industrial development of the district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" What are the steps the Government have taken to implement the recommendations? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" According to the list supplied by the West Coast industrialists, the priority projects suggested by them will cost the State Rs. 7·24 crores. Other essential projects like public health, education, etc., will cost Rs. 4 crores. The total amount thus comes to Rs. 11·24 crores. On this basis, the entire State will have to spend in the course of five years nearly Rs. 300 crores. The cost of